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MAIL PROCESSING NETWORK RATIONALIZATION  
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**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF FILING ERRATUM TO  
TESTIMONY OF WITNESS ELMORE-YALCH, USPS-T-11 [ERRATUM]**

In response to interrogatory PR/USPS-T11-3 (January 19, 2012), witness Elmore-Yalch confirmed and corrected an error in a heading on page 82 of her testimony. Since that time, no additional errata have been identified. Given that the heading is also reproduced on page ii in her Table of Contents, errata to fix the one heading error require the filing of two new pages in her testimony.

The Postal Service is accordingly filing revised pages ii and 82 of USPS-T-11, each of which also bears the filing date for these errata. Copies of both are attached to this notice. Owing to the length of her testimony and the minor nature of the changes, a full replacement copy of USPS-T-11 is not being filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Part 2: Description of Proposed First-Class Mail Service Standards**

### ***Consumers***

Now I am going to provide a description of a proposed change in First Class Mail service from the Postal Service.

Service for First-Class Mail reflects a specific standard for mail originating in one location and destinating in another location. In the continental U.S., the service standard for First-Class Mail delivery is 1 to 3 days. Currently,

- Delivery in the local area is next delivery day.
- Delivery to destinations outside the local area up to 1,000 miles is 2 days.
- Delivery to destinations over 1,000 miles within the continental U.S. is 3 days.

For those living in Alaska and Hawaii, delivery to anywhere in the continental U.S. is 4 days.

As a result of declining mail volume, the cost to continue providing this level of service is becoming unsustainable, contributing to major budget deficits for the Postal Service. In the past two years, the Postal Service has had budget deficits of over \$8 billion and expects to have a similar budget deficit this next year. To address the budget deficits, the Postal Service is exploring several changes, including

- Legislative reform to change government requirements to pre-pay health and pension benefits
- Eliminating Saturday mail delivery to homes and businesses
- Closing many small post offices while shifting retail access to alternative locations and channels

The Postal Service is also considering revising the service standards for First-Class Mail within the continental U.S.

- Delivery in your local area now delivered the next delivery day will be delivered on the second day
- Delivery outside the local area up to 200 miles which now takes 2 days will continue to be delivered on the second day.
- Delivery to destinations 200 to 1,000 miles which now takes 2 days will take 3 days
- Delivery to destinations over 1,000 miles which now takes 3 days will continue to take 3 days

For those living in Alaska and Hawaii, delivery to anywhere in the continental U.S. will continue to take 4 days.

In addition, local Periodical Mail, primarily newspapers, is currently transported along with First-Class Mail. The proposed change will mean that local delivery of this mail now delivered on the next day will be delivered on the second day. All other Periodical Mail delivery schedules will not be affected.